

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-8 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 were amended, and claim 2 was cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-8 are at issue in the above-identified application.

I. Objection to Drawings

A replacement sheet for Figure 6 is submitted herewith, as per the Examiner's request, to overcome the objection. No new matter has been added with this replacement sheet.

Applicant respectfully submits that the objection has been overcome and requests that it be withdrawn.

II. Objection To Specification

The Examiner objected to the abstract of the disclosure as not being written in a proper format and objected to the specification because it contains numerous informalities, such as dash lines that must be corrected. Applicant has amended the abstract in accordance with MPEP § 608.01(b) and has amended the specification to correct for the informalities noted by the Examiner. No new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

III. Objection To Claims

The Examiner objected to Claims 1-4 because of several antecedent informalities. Applicant has amended Claims 1-4 to correct for the antecedent informalities noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

IV. 35 U.S.C. ¶ 102(b) Anticipation Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being purportedly anticipated by Hisato et al., JP Patent No. 09106887A. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Regarding Claim 1 as amended, Applicant claim an organic electroluminescence display that has the following limitations, among others:

“...plural rows of scanning lines and plural columns of signal lines..., and pixels ... arranged at portions where said scanning lines intersect said signal lines, said pixels having an organic electroluminescence layer inclusive of an organic light emitting layer held between first pixel electrodes constituted by said scanning lines and second pixel electrodes connected to said signal lines, wherein said second pixel electrodes are overlapped on said scanning lines in a direction in which said signal lines are extending and each of said second pixel electrodes are arranged over at least two neighboring signal lines.”

Applicants further teach and claim that, by arranging each of said second pixel electrodes over at least two neighboring signal lines, each of the scanning lines is shared by two of the plurality of pixels in the direction in which the signal lines are extending. In addition, the claimed organic electroluminescence display enables the number of scanning lines to be decreased by one-half compared to a conventional organic EL display while maintaining the same number of pixels. As a result, the size of the screen of the claimed organic electroluminescence display can be significantly increased over a conventional organic EL display.

Hisato discloses an organic EL element that has wiring electrodes 14a and 14b that may *arguendo* be signal lines (but insulator layer 17 is not a signal line), counterelectrodes 16a, 16b, and 16c that may *arguendo* be scanning lines, and pixel electrodes 13a, 13b, 13c, 13d, 13e, that

are overlapped by the counterelectrodes 16a, 16b, and 16c. But Hisato does not teach or suggest that that each of the pixel electrodes 13a, 13b, 13c, 13d, 13e, and 13f are arranged over at least two neighboring signal lines. Fig. 4 of Hisato clearly shows that each pixel electrode 13a, 13b, 13c, 13d, 13e, and 13f is connected to a single wiring electrode 14a or 14b (or signal line), but does not overlap both of these two neighboring signal lines. Thus, Hisato fails to teach or suggest all the limitations of Claim 1 as amended. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

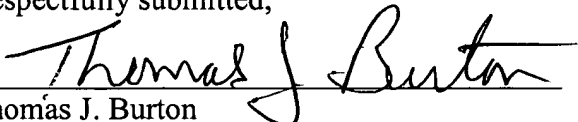
Claims 3-8 depend from Claim 1 and should be deemed allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 1.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that Claims 1 and 3-8 are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

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